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Letter dated 10 December 1992 from the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I enclose a copy of the declaration of the European Community and its member States on Somalia, issued at Brussels on 7 December 1992 (see annex).

I would be grateful if you could circulate the present letter and its enclosure as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 87 (b), and of the Security Council.

(Signed) D. H. A. HANNAY

ANNEX

Declaration on Somalia issued at Brussels on 7 December 1992 by the European Community

The humanitarian crisis in Somalia continues to cause the gravest concern. The increasing looting of aid supplies and obstruction to their distribution cannot be accepted.

The European Community and its member States fully support the adoption on 3 December of United Nations Security Council resolution 794 (1992), which constitutes an important development in international law, since it authorizes the United Nations Secretary-General and Member States to cooperate to provide for a multinational force to establish a secure environment for the delivery of emergency and relief supplies. They welcome the humanitarian efforts made by the European Community and its member States and the contributions of a number of member States to the force as a European initiative. The swift deployment of the force is vital to the success of the efforts of non-governmental organizations and international agencies to bring food to the starving in conditions of security. They attach particular importance to ensuring the safety of the personnel involved in the relief effort.

The European Community and its member States reaffirm their full support for existing United Nations operations and the efforts by Ambassador Kittani. They hope that the implementation of United Nations Security Council resolution 794 (1992) will encourage national reconciliation that will lead to a lasting political settlement.